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Oil cargo operations in the Port of Vlone are conducted by mooring tankers at fixed oil buoys connected to oil tanks on shore by three underwater pipelines. These pipelines are constructed in two sections: The first section consists of flexible tubes 8" in diameter which are attached to the intake valves on the tanker when loading. The second section consists of 12" diameter iron pipe extending 220 meters along the bottom of the bay to the storage tanks on shore. Loading is done by gravity feed at an average hourly rate of 90-130 tons depending on the level of crude oil in the tanks.¹

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Comment:

crude oil was being loaded at the excessively slow rate of 83 tons per hour.

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